Rs. 30.09 crore. In respect of the remaining 11 projects, the Screening Committee of the N.C.D.C. has considered 10 of them and has recommended sanction of investment loan assistance of Rs. 50:49 crore in respect of 9 new cooperative sugar factories while in respect of the remaining one it has suggested to ascertain the availability of sugar cane in the area before a decision could be taken in the matter. The final decision with regard to these projects would be taken by the Board of Management of the N.C.D.C. As regards the last project, the sanction letter of the Central Financial Institution has been received by National Cooperative Development Corporation on 23.8.94 only.

Production of Mushroom

4255. SHRITULASIDASMAJJI: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much mushroom is produced annually in the country State-wise;

(b) what is the total annual demand for mushroom consumption in the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to boost mushroom production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) As mushroom growing is in the unorganised sector, authentic statistics for its production are not available. Estimated production figures for 1992-93 for major mushroom growing States is given in Statement *(see* below)

(b) No statistics of demand for mushroom consumption in the country are available.

(c) Government of India is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for Mushroom Cultivation during the 8th Plan at a total cost of Rs. 10 crores. The major components of the scheme are:

(i) Establishment of Spawn Production Units (29) (ii) Establishment of Pasturised Compost Units (29)

(iii) Training of farmers in mushroom production (27200 Nos.)

In addition, National Horticulture Board also provides assistance to integrated projects on mushroom production and marketing to the extent of 40% of the project cost with a maximum limit of Rs. 1.00 crores as soft loan.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries also provides assistance for meeting the capital expenditure on setting up of spawn laboratories, compost pasturisation facilities and processing facilities for mushrooms, to public sector/ Cooperative/joint sector/assisted sector projects/voluntary/autonomous organisations/ undertakings.

Statement

State-wise estimated production of Mushrooms

SI. No.	States	1992-93 (MT)	Projecte for 1994-95
1.	Andhra Pradesh	300	500
2.	Bihar	5	10
3.	Delhi	500	600
4.	Gujarat	10	15
5.	Haryana	1650	3000
6.	Himachal Pradesh	2000	3500
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	300	500
8.	Kamataka	500	600
9.	Kerala	300	700
10.	Madhya Pradesh	200	1200
11.	Maharashtra	250	500
12.	Orissa	50	600
13.	Punjab	1200	4200
14.	Rajasthan	5	10
15.	Tamil Nadu	1200	4500
16.	Uttar Pradesh	2500	3500
17.	West Bengal	50	1200
18.	Others	500	1000
	TOTAL;	11520	26135

Loss due to natural calamities

4256. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total loss of lives, property,

and products due to natural calamities in India during the last three years;

(b) what steps Government have taken to help the calamities affected persons; and

(c) what is the type of calamity which caused the maximum loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Financial Assistance for Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidya Kendra

4257. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Institute, Amravati in Maharashtra under PKV, Akola has requested the ICAR for financial assistance for the Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidya Kendra;

(b) if so, what decision has the ICAR taken thereon; and

(c) by when this proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) It has not been possible to include the proposal in the list of 78 KVKs whose establishment has been recently approved by ICAR. There is no proposal for sanction of more Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the current year

Memorandum for Financial Assistance to Orissa

4258. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum from the State Government of Orissa through the Minister of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution System regarding damages done by devastating floods in the month of July and a memorandum from Members of Parliament belonging to Ori ssa, for financial assistance; and

(b) if so, what positive steps Government have taken with regard to the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Government of Orissa submitted a Memorandum seeking Central assistance of Rs. 138.41 crores, to the Union Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution during his visit to State. Members of Parliament and MLAs also met the Minister during his visit.

(b) In addition to the normal release of 1 st & 2nd instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for the year 1994-95, Government of India have also released the 3rd & 4th instalments amounting to Rs. 14.89 crores in advance, in order to enable the State Government to undertake flood relief measures.

Commercial Fishing Harbours

4259. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some commercial fishing harbours during the 8th and 9th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number of such harburs proposed to be set up during the above plans;

(c) the States where these commercial fishing harbours are proposed to be set up; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Four major fishing harbours and eleven minor fishing harbours have been sanctioned so far for setting up/ completion during the 8th Five Year Plan. The 9th Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated.

(c) and (d) The locational details of the commercial fishing harbours proposed to be set up/completed at a cost of Rs. 132.04 crores during the 8th Five Year Plan are as follows:—

A. Major Fishing Harbours.

*1. Paradip (Orissa)
2. Sassoon (Maharashtra)
3. Cochin Stage-II (Kerala)
4. Madras Stage-II (Tamil Nadu)